illicit poppy cultivation and take effective steps for destruction of such crop and eradication of such illicit cultivation.

3. Illicit cultivation of opium poppy is an offence under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, attracting a mandatory minimum punishment of 10 years' rigorous imprisonment (R.I.) and a fine of Rs. 1 lakh extendable to 20 years' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 2 lakhs. The courts have been empowered to impose fines exceeding these limits. The Act also requires that every officer of the Government and every panch/sarpanch and other village officers to give information to the enforcement authorities when it comes to his knowledge that any land has been illegally cultivated with the opium poppy and every officer, who neglects to give such information is liable to punishment.

4. The Prevention of Illiict Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Phychotropic Substances Ordinance, 1988 also, *inter alia* provides for detention of any person indulging in illicit cultivation of opium poppy.

Bank Loans

*270. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Working Group of the Indian Banks' Association had suggested liberal bank loans against the security of gold/silver jewellary to cater to the common needs of public;

(b) if so, whether the Working Group has been set up to study the impact of the private financial unincorporated bodies on deposit mobilisation by the commercial banks;

(c) what were the other points made in the study report;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Reserve Bank had instructed the commercial banks to grant loans upto Rs. 10 crores per borrower but the scheme had not picked up momentum due to the non-availability of the necessary infrastructure facilities; and

(e) if so, what other suggestions have been made by the Study Group and to what extent they have been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A Working Group set up by the Indian Banks Association to study the impact of Private Financiers Unincorporated Bodies (PFUBs) on the resource mobilisation of the banks has suggested *inter-alia* the followings:

(i) Intensive publicity for educating the masses about the pit falls in associating with PFUBs.

(ii) Sanctioning of bank loans against gold/silver ornamen's to catering to the consumption needs of the general public.

(iii) Payment of interest on term deposits on monthly rests instead of quarterly rests.

(d) No such instructions have been issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As per the instructions of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the banks are permitted to grant advances against gold jewellery upto Rs. 10,000/- only.

(e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has yet to formulate its views on the suggestions of the Study Group.

Overdraft by Government of Mizoram

*271. SHRI M. KADHARSHA :
DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount of overdraft allowed to the Mizoram Government;

(b) what is the amount of overdraft against the State at present;

(c) whether Government or the Reserve Bank have issued any instructions to the Mizoram Government to contain the overdraft; and

(d) what steps are being taken to recover the overdraft amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No overdraft, irrespective of the amount, is allowed to any State Government for more than seven continuous working days.

(b) As on 12.8.1988, the State was not in overdraft with the Reserve Bank of India.

(c) The State Government have been advised by Reserve Bank of India and the Government of India to avoid overdrafts.

(d) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

Agreement with Hungary for loan for Neyveli Lignite Project

*272. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Hungary an agreement was signed for a special loan for the Neyveli Lignite Project; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of the loan, its terms and conditions and the specific purpose for which it will be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

C.B.I. raid at the residences and Office premises of businessmen

@*273. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. conducted raids at the residences and office premises of some businessmen and contractors at Dhanbad, Patna and Chapra in Bihar, Balia in Uttar Pradesh and Calcutta on the 9th June, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether some arms, ammunition and cash were recovered during the raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) No searches were conducted by C.B.I. Searches were however conducted on 9th June, 1988 by the Income-tax Department, in coordination with the Central Bureau of Economic Intelligence and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at Dhanbad, Patna, Balia, Chapra, Calcutta and New Delhi, at the residential and business premises of certain leaders of the 'Coal Mafia' and their associates.

During these searches, unaccounted assets including cash and jewellery and a large number of incriminating documents were seized. The aggregate value of seized assets is about Rs. 46.95 lakhs. Concealment of income to the tune of Rs. 60 lakhs was admitted in a statement given during the course of search by one of the persons. Prohibitory orders restraining operation were issued in respect of 140 bank accounts relating to the persons searched. Also, 14 unlicensed fire arms and 683 live cartridges were recovered and five persons were arrested for violation of the Arms Act.

Criteria for recruitment to CRPF and BSF

*274. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for recruitment to the CRPF and BSF;

(b) whether any Statewise quota for recruitment to the CRPF and BSF has been fixed by Government; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the break-up of recruitmen to the CRPF and BSF during the las

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